



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **City of St. George Celebrates Water Week 2011**

**St. George, UT.** - Water Week is May 1 – 7, 2011. The theme for 2011 is “Wonders of Water”. The City and the Washington County Water Conservancy District (WCWCD) have teamed up to provide several events and tours to celebrate Water Week and showcase the Wonders of Water. All the events are free and open to the public.

**May 2, 2010 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

**Garden Fair at The Garden**

1851 S Dixie Drive, St. George, UT 84770

Bring the entire family for fun, games and prizes at The Garden Fair. Local vendors will be there with information on their water and energy saving products and services. There will be a bounce house and games for the kids as well as information and ideas for everyone on how to be a wise water user. Stroll through the demonstration garden to see what plants grow well in this area while listening to music and visiting with experts in conservation and efficiency.

**May 2, 2010 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

**Mayor’s Water Walk**

Tonquint Park 1851 S Dixie Drive St. George UT 84770

Mayor McArthur will lead this approximately 2 mile walk following the trail system from The Garden at 1851 S Dixie Drive to Cottonwood Cove Park. Mayor McArthur will discuss area history and water trivia. There will be a stop along the Santa Clara River to learn about the endangered species and the Virgin River Recovery program. This is also a walk to raise awareness of the issues faced by many in under developed areas of the world who travel this far daily to collect drinking water. Transportation back to The Garden will be provided.

**May 3, 2010 – 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm**

**Regional Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) tours**

1550 West 3780 South (turn right on 3780 South, WWTP is at the end of the road)

Guided tours will leave at regular intervals beginning at 1:00 pm. The WWTP treats waste water from St. George, Washington, Ivins and Santa Clara cities. Learn how waste water is treated and the beneficial use it is put to once the treatment process is complete. Also learn how you can help protect water quality by learning what not to put down the drain.

**May 4, 2010 – 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

**Quail Creek Water Treatment Plant (QCWTP) tours**

540 Quail Creek Dr, Hurricane UT 84737

Guided tours will leave at regular intervals beginning at 1:00 pm and will last approximately one hour. The tour will take guests through the treatment plant process to explain how untreated water from the Virgin River is treated to meet all State and Federal regulations drinking water standards. Information on water conservation will also be available.

**About Water Week**

In 2007, in an effort to promote the importance of this precious resource, then governor John Huntsman Jr. signed legislation designating a state-wide water week, declaring the first full week in May as **Water Week**.

For the past five years the Intermountain Section of the American Water Works Association (IMS-AWWA) has been helping to organize events throughout the State to celebrate Water Week